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Trial for Shcharansky Predicted

Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, R-N.Y., says he has learned that Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky may be brought to trial in Moscow later this month.

The veteran congressman said yesterday that any discussions leading to a prisoner exchange involving Shcharansky, a 29-year-old Jewish computer programmer, would have to wait until the trial, possible conviction and other legal formalities are completed.

But Gilman said the informal "working group" that last month affected a three-way exchange of prisoners involving East Germany, Mozambique and the United States was still operating and examining where and when other exchanges could be made.

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